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January 30, 2008

**Via Messenger**

The Honorable James F. Holderman  
Chief United States District Court Judge  
United States District Court  
Everett McKinley Dirksen Building  
219 South Dearborn Street  
Room Number 2548  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

**Re: Recently Filed SOS Cases: Transfer to Magistrate Judge Mason for Settlement Purposes Only**

Dear Judge Holderman:

We represent the City of Chicago with respect to certain civil lawsuits arising from allegations of misconduct by police officers within the Special Operations Section ("SOS") of the Chicago Police Department. We write to supplement previous correspondence from the City to this Court and to advise of the recent filing of the following additional SOS-related cases:

- Hernandez v. Villareal, et al., 07 C 4537 (Judge Norgle/Magistrate Judge Keys);
- Gregorio Martinez, et al. v. City of Chicago, et al., 07 C 6879 (Judge Pallmeyer/Magistrate Judge Cole);
- Misael Padilla v. City of Chicago, et al., 07 C 5253 (Judge Zagel/Magistrate Judge Schenkier); and
- Wisniewski, et al. v. City of Chicago, et al., 07 C 6775 (Judge Norgle/Magistrate Judge Cox).

As with previous cases arising from allegations of SOS misconduct, we request that these recently filed cases be referred to Magistrate Judge Mason for the limited purpose of conducting initial settlement conferences.

Thank you for this Court's consideration of this request. Should you have any questions, please contact our office.

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Respectfully,

**DYKEMA GOSSETT PLLC**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

DONALD WISNIEWSKI, et al.,	)	
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Plaintiffs,	)	
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v.	)	No. 07 C 6775
	)	
CITY OF CHICAGO, et al.,	)	Judge Charles R. Norgle
	)	
Defendants.	)	

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on January 30, 2008 I electronically filed the foregoing **Letter Re Recently Filed SOS Cases** with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system, which sent electronic notification of the filing on the same day to:

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